

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, based on this amendment and these following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 3 through 12, and 14 through 20, are now in this case. Claim 7 is proposed to be amended. Claims 12, 21, and 22 are proposed to be canceled.

Claims 3 through 6, 11, and 14 through 20 stand allowed.

The undersigned notes, from the Advisory Action, that the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed on December 7, 2004 was not entered.

Claims 7 through 10 were objected to but were indicated as directed to patentable subject matter. Specifically claim 7 was objected to for reciting "valid" rather than "dirty", in its line 11, and claims 8 through 10 were objected to because they depend on claim 7. Claim 7 is amended to correct the deficiency noted by the Examiner. The amendment to claim 7 is supported by the specification,¹ and therefore no new matter is presented. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7 through 10 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 was finally rejected under §102 as anticipated by Goodman.² Claim 12 is proposed to be canceled, obviating the rejection.

Claims 21 and 22 were finally rejected under §112, ¶1, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner asserted that the specification support offered by Applicant in the last Amendment did not clearly support the claims.

Claims 21 and 22 are proposed to be canceled, as suggested by the Examiner in the Advisory Action, and without prejudice to their later presentation in a continuing application.

¹ See specification of 09/932,381, at page 31, paragraph [90].

² Goodman, *Memory Management for All of Us* (SAMS, 1992), pp. 119, 433-34.

to advance the prosecution of this case. The final rejection of claims 21 and 22 will be obviated by the cancellation of these claims.

The references cited by the Examiner as pertinent but not applied have been considered, but are not felt to come within the scope of the claims in this case.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if a telephone interview would be helpful to advance the prosecution of this case.

Applicant submits that, upon entry of this amendment, all claims now in this case will be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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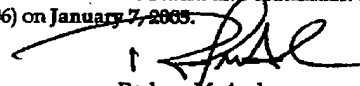
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